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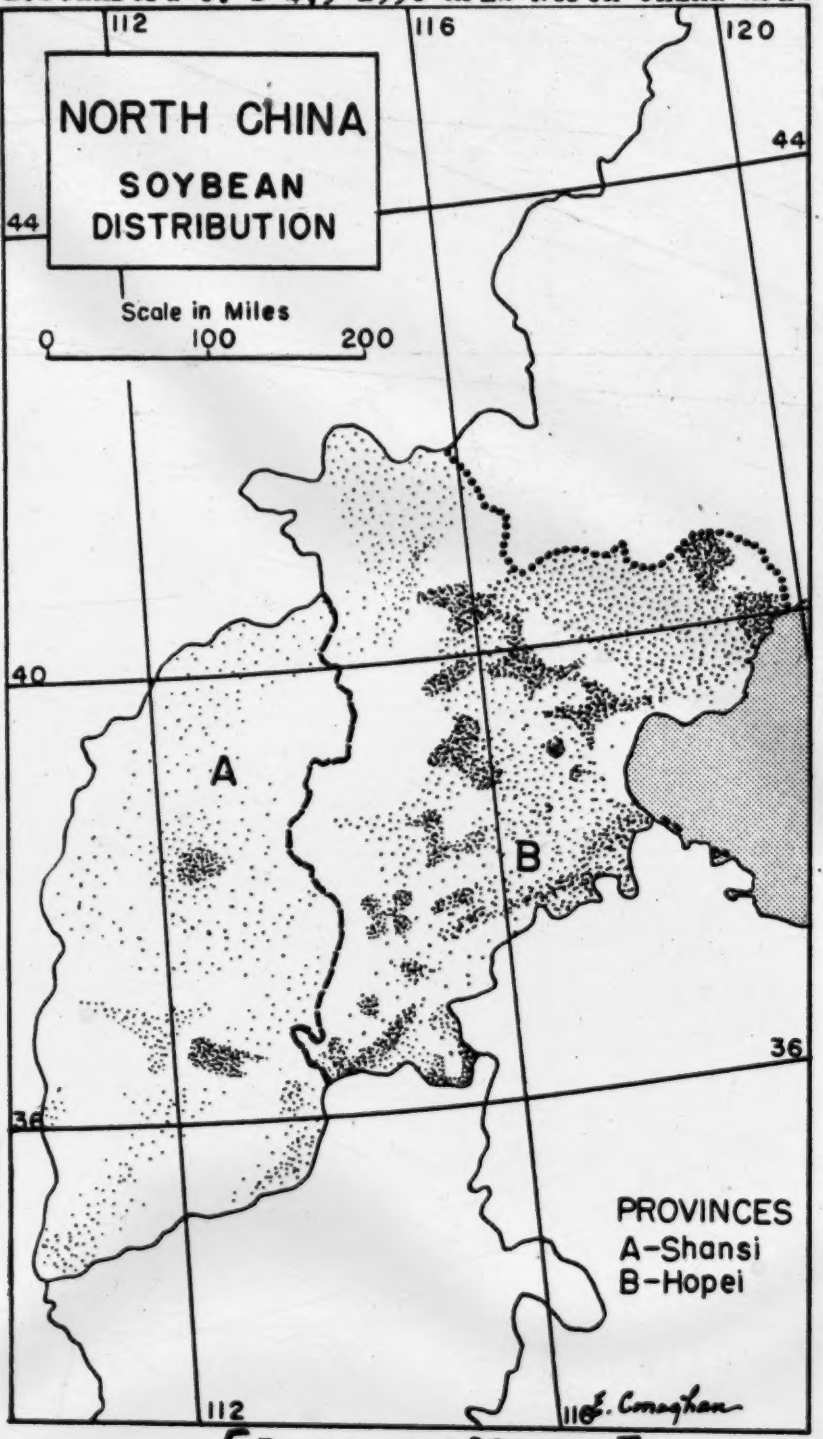

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The average yield of cotton in Shansi Province is greater than that in Hopei, possibly because drought and pests have damaged the cotton crops in Hopei since 1952. There have been comparatively fewer natural calamities in Shansi. If we compare production in North China with average national yields in the same period, North China produced more in 1952 (33%) and 1953 (55%) and less in 1949 (about 22%).

D. Other Agricultural Products

Hopei Province produces a large quantity of peanuts, since the loamy soil found in some parts of Hopei is well-suited to their cultivation. The yearly crop is second only to that of Shantung Province. Some seventy years ago an American missionary brought into China the large-grained American species of peanut which yields large crops of excellent quality. In 1949, the total production of peanuts in Hopei was 6.521 million shih-piculs (358,655 tons).[20] (Data on production since 1949 is not available.) Peanuts are one of the

20. Chinese Economic Journal, Shanghai, Bureau of Foreign Trade, September 1936, p. 257.

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244 important oil-bearing crops in China. The rationing of edible oils was introduced in China in 1953, and since that time farmers have been encouraged to devote additional acreage to peanut crops.

237 North China also produces a considerable supply of hog bristles. Hsü-ko-chuang, Feng-jun district, Hopei, is the center for bristle collection. At Hsü-ko-chuang the bristles are graded and packed before shipment to Tientsin for export.

235 Among the poultry products of North China, the Peking duck is known for its superior quality. It has creamy white feathers and yellow beak and is raised in a few small rivers near the Jade Spring Mountain, a suburb of Peking. The female weighs about 5.5 pounds, the male anywhere from 6 to 8 pounds. It is forcibly fed pellets of grain and bean flour during the fattening period.[21]

V. FISH

226 Ten hsien along the Hopei seacoast produce an abundance of fish. There are two

21. T. H. Shen, Agricultural Resources of China, New York, 1951.